

The Ontario Argus

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THE PLEDGE.

I pledge my allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice to all.

THE STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION.

It is all over, and Ontario, a tired hostess, is now washing the dishes and putting its house in order.

Never in the history of the City of Ontario and the County of Malheur has it been the pleasure of the citizens to entertain the stockmen. And pleasure indeed it was.

Before the convention goes into history, however, the Argus would like to mark the appreciation which those who had the arrangements in hand have for the patriotic spirit shown by the citizens generally, the open-handed hospitality which was offered, the unfagging industry which was manifested.

Each one who did his or her part deserves the unstinted appreciation of the "Good and faithful citizen." In the hurry and the worry of the last minute preparations any untoward thing was done, or any hasty word spoken, the charity of an offended one, if such there be, will cast over it a cloak of forgiveness.

So far as we know there is no reason for any apology on the part of any one, the best that could be done was done. Many of the workers had but recently taken part in the Liberty Loan drive and had driven at top speed. Like every other community, Ontario is working short handed and trying to do its utmost; "angels can do no more."

There are two organizations, however, which we believe all who worked and all those who were our guests, will admit are deserving of an especial word of commendation; they are the women of the W. C. T. U. and the committee which served the Cowboy's breakfast. Words of praise could hardly be too fulsome to measure their worth, to them will come the joy of work well done, which after all is one of life's greatest attainments.

Now all this was possible and is increased an hundred fold by the spirit manifested by the guests. They took Ontario at its word. They made themselves at home. They came for a good time in the right spirit and they evidently enjoyed themselves. And with a generosity unexcelled they have told Ontarians how they felt about it.

All the work, all the worry, all the effort was worth while, and more, when expended to help give the cattlemen of Oregon the kind of a time they had here. That we are certain is how Ontarians feel about it.

NO TIME TO STOP WORK.

The United States Department of Agriculture, the State Council of Defense and every administrative body from the Federal Food administration down is urging the organization of the civilian population to the conservation of food, of labor and time for the ultimate purpose of winning the war.

One of the most important problems in the accomplishment of that aim is that of keeping in touch with the various governmental agencies. The food department must have reports of the crop conditions in every county in the United States. It must know the labor conditions. It must be informed in advance of the one hundred and one exigencies that arise to affect the situation locally or its ability to properly gauge the national problem is diminished if not ruined entirely.

The importance, therefore, of an accurate knowledge of conditions in every county in every state in the Union is absolutely essential.

This information cannot be supplied by voluntary work. It must come from competent officials and in each county it must come from a county agricultural agent. Such an agent becomes a member of the various departments to which his reports are sent.

Right now Malheur county has no agent. It has had one or several years. In view of the great task which the nation has to perform now certainly Malheur county does not desire to do anything to make harder the work of the federal food administration or the state bodies by not co-operating to the extent of

employing a man to aid the government in this work. Now of all times there should be a man on the job.

This is only one side of the argument. The good that such a man can do in bringing men and jobs together may for one rancher alone more than pay his salary. We will win this war with food. The right kind of a county agent will help increase that supply of food so essential to us and to our allies. He can help in the conservation of food, for all have still things to learn in this but that need not be considered further. Its import surely is fully realized by the people now.

In view of the situation, both from the purely personal viewpoint of the residents of the county who will benefit, but largely upon the importance of the matter from a national and statewide standpoint, we believe that the County Court at its meeting next Thursday should provide means for getting an agricultural agent in Malheur county at once.

WANT NO SPECIAL FAVORS.

If there was one feature more than another that stood out during the sessions of the convention this week it was that of sincere, undiluted, unqualified patriotism. For that, God be praised, no less would have done justice to the cattlemen of Oregon.

This spirit showed itself in almost every speech made during the sessions. It took tangible form in the ringing resolutions drawn and passed by the convention. And it is to that resolution concerning the enforcement of the food regulations to which attention is drawn.

By the passage of the resolution declaring the willingness and the desire of the cattlemen to conserve food and to co-operate with the duly constituted authorities, no special favors were asked. The convention went on record showing its disapproval of any effort to seek special interpretation of the food laws as affecting them. They are willing to use substitutes and to make their cooks use them, and not to waste them. This should do much to put at rest the feeling of injustice which some of the urban residents have had at the manner in which permits have been issued for wheat flour. It should stop for all time the issuance of such permits contrary to the spirit of the regulations.

THE GREAT WAR HAS MADE CIGARETTES A NECESSITY.

"Our boys must have their smokes. Send them cigarettes!" This is a familiar appeal now to all of us.

Among those most in demand is the now famous "toasted" cigarette—LUCKY STRIKE. Thousands of this favorite brand have been shipped to France. There is something homelike and friendly to the boys in the sight of the familiar green packages with the red circle.

This homelike, appetizing quality of the LUCKY STRIKE cigarette is largely due to the fact that the Burley tobacco used in making it has been toasted. "It's toasted" was the slogan that made a great success of LUCKY STRIKE in less than a year. Now the American Tobacco Co. is making 15 million LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes a day.

A good part of this immense production is making its way across the water to cheer our boys. The Red Cross has distributed thousands of LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes.

Dreamland Attractions

ONTARIO, OREGON

Sunday, April 28.

ALLAS MRS. JESSOP.

Emily Stevens.

PATHE NEWS.

Monday, April 29.

THE MAN TRAP.

Herbert Rawlinson.

COMEDY

Mrs. Madam Manager.

Tuesday, April 30.

PRIDE OF NEW YORK.

George Walsh.

A Fox Production.

Wednesday, May 1.

OLIVER TWIST.

Marie Doro.

BRAY PICTOGRAPH.

Thursday, May 2.

THE NAULAHKA.

SIX REELS.

Antonio Moreno.

DORALDINA.

Pathe News.

Friday, May 3.

UNKNOWN 274.

June Caprice.

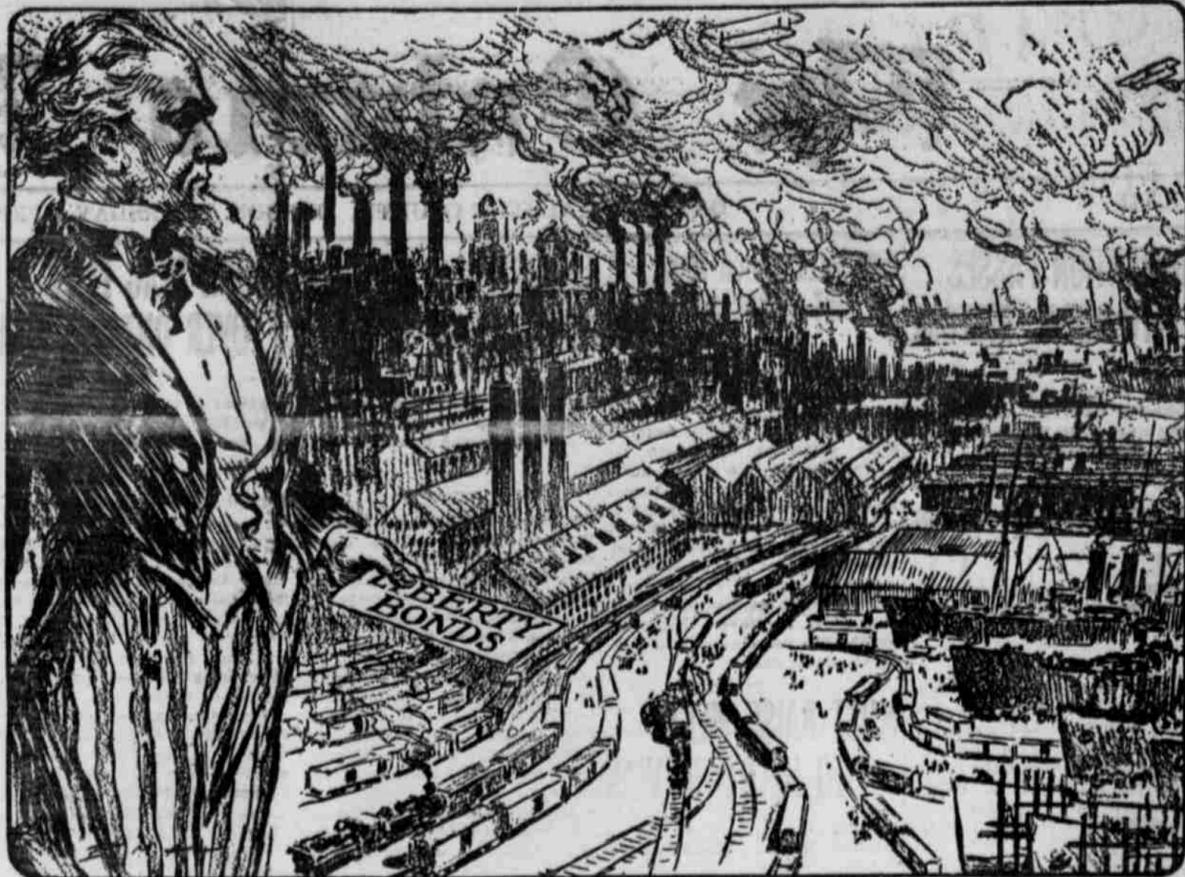
COMEDY.

Saturday, May 4.

HIS TIMBER.

Kathlyn Williams and Wallace Reid

COMEDY



Where Your Money Goes

WE are now building more naval and merchant ships than we have constructed in the last generation.

We are building a vast fleet of airplanes, and enormous supplies of artillery, motor trucks, machine guns, rifles and ammunition. We are feeding, clothing and training an army of a million men, and preparing for a million more. We have loaned billions of

dollars to our allies to be spent in the United States.

From the shipyards of the Pacific to those of the Atlantic; on our farms and in our mines, mills and factories in every State in the Union; back of the firing lines in France, where men are training, camps are being erected and railroads built, billions upon billions are being expended for labor, for transportation, for materials and supplies of every description.

The mind can hardly conceive the sums of money required for our war preparations. Yet these expenditures are absolutely essential.

We must win the war quickly if possible; we must carry it on for years if necessary. We must do the job with American thoroughness, let the cost be what it may.

Remember, when you invest in your Liberty Bonds, that there is immediate, urgent, imperative need for every dollar you can spare.

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